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TAGS: PINS, UR, CZ
SUBJECT: PAINT THROWN AT AEROFLOT AIRLINES, 545 FIFTH AVE

1. NEW YORK POLICE DEPT HAS INFORMED USUN THAT SOMETIME BETWEEN 4:00 PM, APRIL 22, 1978, AND 8:00 AM, APRIL 23, 1978, OFFICE OF AEROFLOT, 545 FIFTH AVE, WAS TARGET OF 8 CARDBOARD CONTAINERS FILLED WITH YELLOW AND BLUE PAINT THROWN BY UNKNOWN PERSON OR PERSONS. ATTACK TOOK PLACE ON 45TH SIDE OF OFFICE, 75 FEET EAST OF FIFTH AVE. PAINT WAS DISCOVERED ON EXTERIOR WALLS AND WINDOWS FROM STREET LEVEL TO SECOND STORY. (AEROFLOT OCCUPIES ADDITIONAL SPACE ON SECOND FLOOR OF MULTI-STORIED BUILDING.) TWO OF THE FOUR DISPLAY WINDOWS OF CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES OFFICE WHICH ALSO LOCATED AT STREET LEVEL ON 45TH ST WAS STRUCK WITH PAINT. (POLICE BELIEVE AEROFLOT TARGET NOT CZECHS.)

2. ACCORDING TO POLICE, NO PERSON OR GROUP HAS TAKEN CREDIT FOR ATTACK. HOWEVER, ON SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 1978,
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AN ANTI-SOVIET UKRAINIAN DEMONSTRATION TOOK PLACE AT UN AND SOVIET MISSION AND, POLICE THEORIZE, SINCE PAINT COLORS USED SIMILAR TO COLORS OF ANTI-SOVIET UKRAINIAN FLAG POSSIBILITY EXISTS ATTACK WAS BY PERSONS OF UKRAINIAN SYMPATHIES.

3. NEW YORK CITY POLICE MAINTAIN 24-HOUR FIXED POST AT

AEROFLOT OFFICES. EXACT LOCATION OF FIXED POST IS IN FRONT OF TICKET OFFICE ENTRANCE AT STREET LEVEL ON FIFTH AVE, AROUND THE CORNER, APPROXIMATELY 100 FEET FROM SITE OF ATTACK. POLICE OFFICERS ON DUTY FROM 4:00 PM, APRIL 22, UNTIL 8:00 PM, APRIL 23, DID NOT OBSERVE ANYTHING UNUSUAL DURING THEIR TOURS. POLICE MAINTAIN THEY ARE EVALUATING POSITION OF POST IN ORDER OBTAIN MAXIMUM OBSERVATION OF AREA. NEW YORK POLICE AND FBI CONDUCTING JOINT INVESTIGATION. YOUNG

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